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Amendments to the Specification

On page 5 of the specification as filed, please replace lines 12 to 20 with the following amended lines 12 to 20:

The block copolymers, which are useful as modifiers in the bituminous compositions according to the present invention, may be prepared by any method known in the art including the well known full sequential polymerisation method, optionally in combination with reinitiation, and the coupling method, as illustrated in e.g. U.S. Patents Patent Nos. 3,231,635; 3,251,905; 3,390,207; 3,598,887 and 4,219,627 and EP 0413294 A2; 0387671 B1; 0636654 A1; WO 04/22931 and WO 94/22931.